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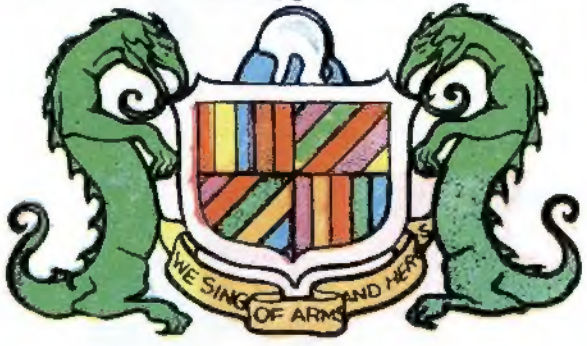

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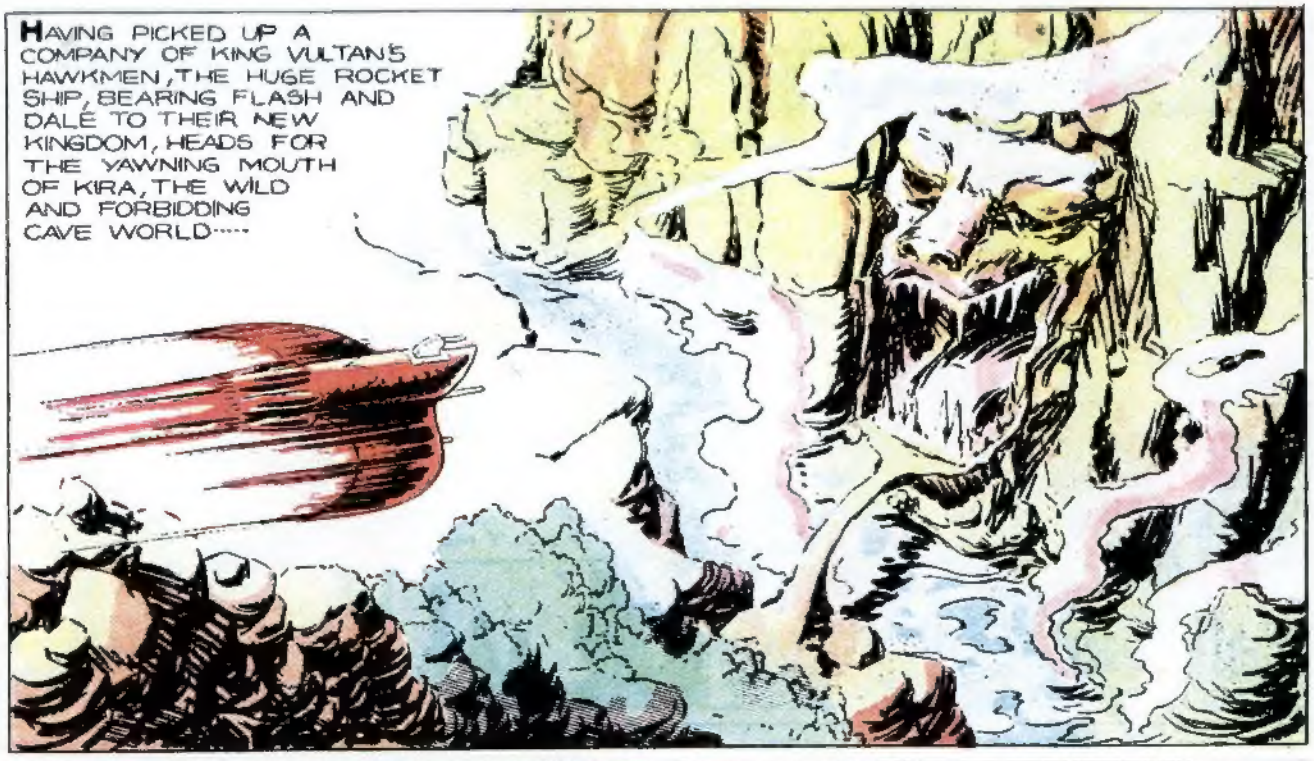

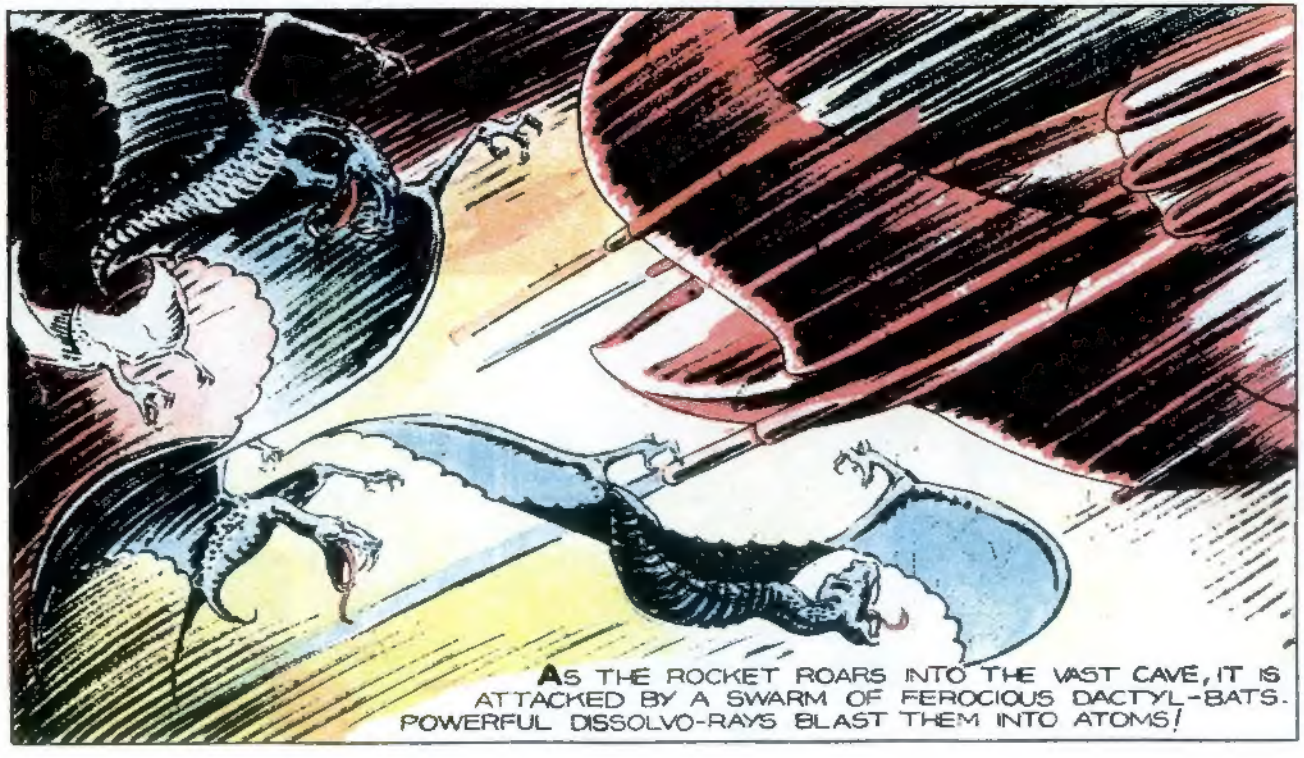

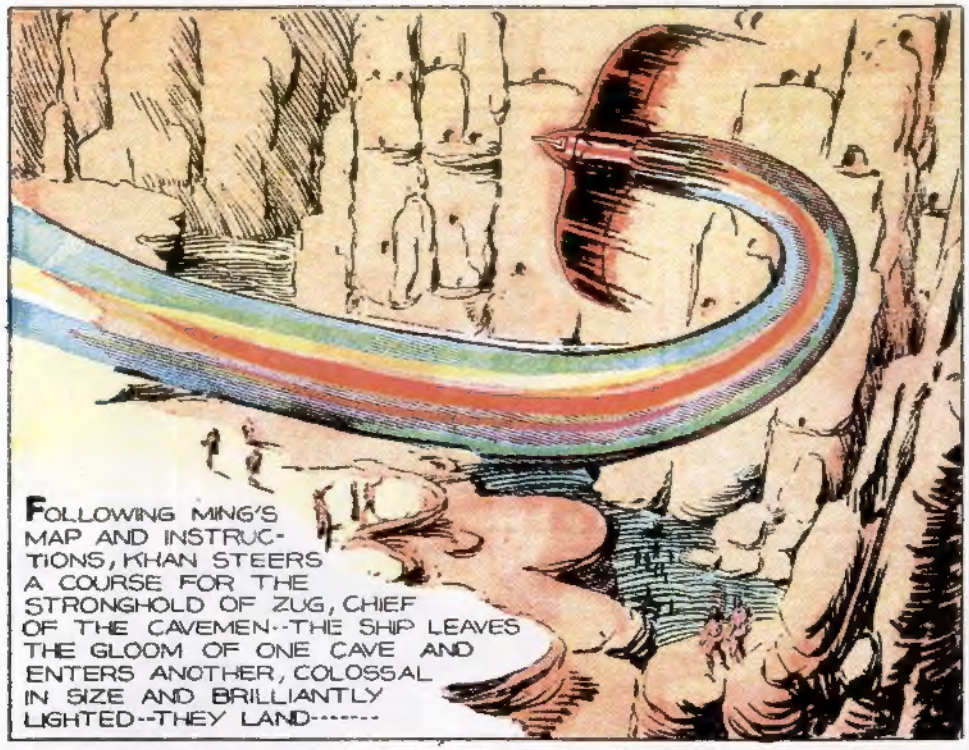
FOLLOWING MING'S MAP AND INSTRUCTIONS, KHAN STEERS A COURSE FOR THE STRONGHOLD OF ZUG, CHIEF OF THE CAVEMEN--THE SHIP LEAVES THE GLOOM OF ONE CAVE AND ENTERS ANOTHER, COLOSSAL IN SIZE AND BRILLIANTLY LIGHTED--THEY LAND-------

ME ZUG! ME CHIEF HERE--WHY YOU COME, HUH?
BEND YOUR KNEE, OH, RED-HAIRED ONE, TO KING FLASH I, RULER OF KIRA, THE CAVE WORLD, BY ORDER OF MING, THE MERCILESS, EMPEROR OF MONGO!

WAIT, KHAN--I'LL NOT RULE ANY MAN I CAN'T WHIP!
NO KING! ME CHIEF--- ME KILL YOU!

FLASH SKIPS NIMBLY TO ONE SIDE, AVOIDING THE HEAVY WAR HAMMER, AND DRIVES HIS FIST TO THE RED-HAIRED GIANT'S MID-SECTION-
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A MIGHTY ROAR GOES UP FROM SAVAGE THROATS--- "KING FLASH!"
NEXT WEEK: "THE TERROR OF THE CAVES!"

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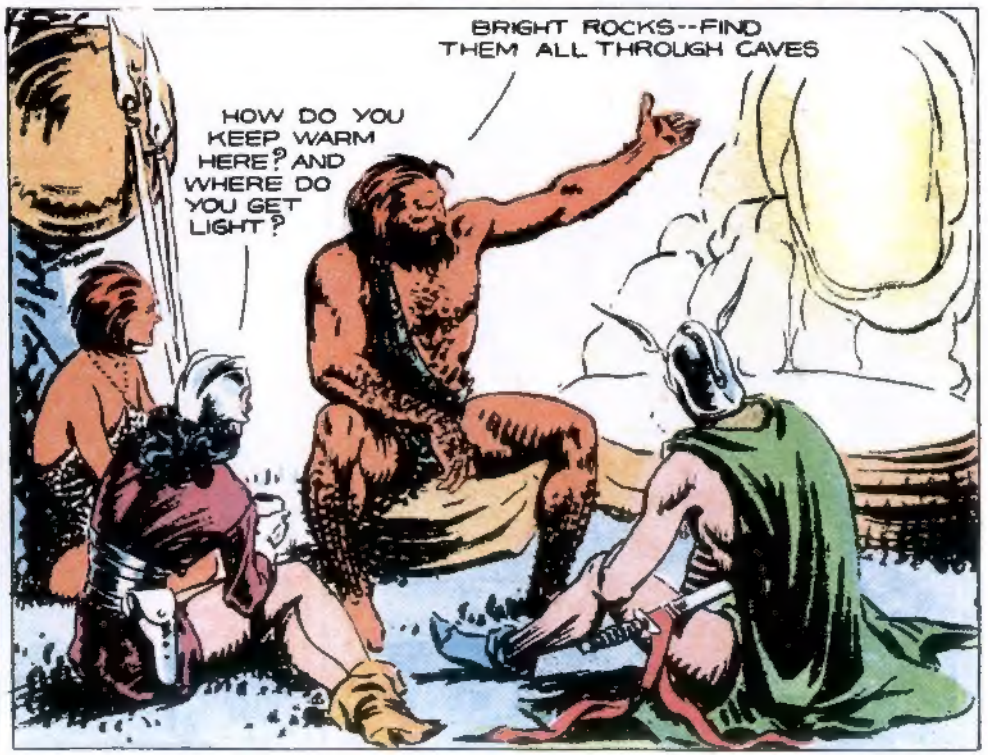
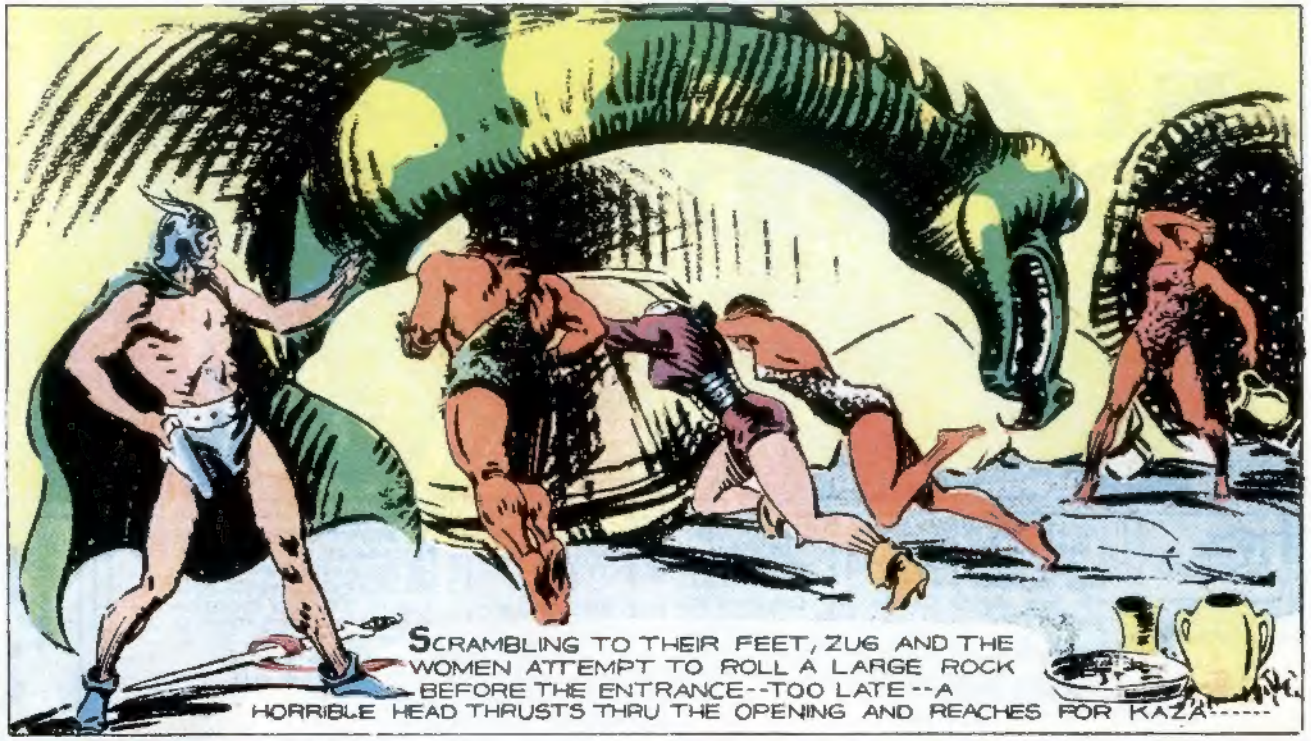
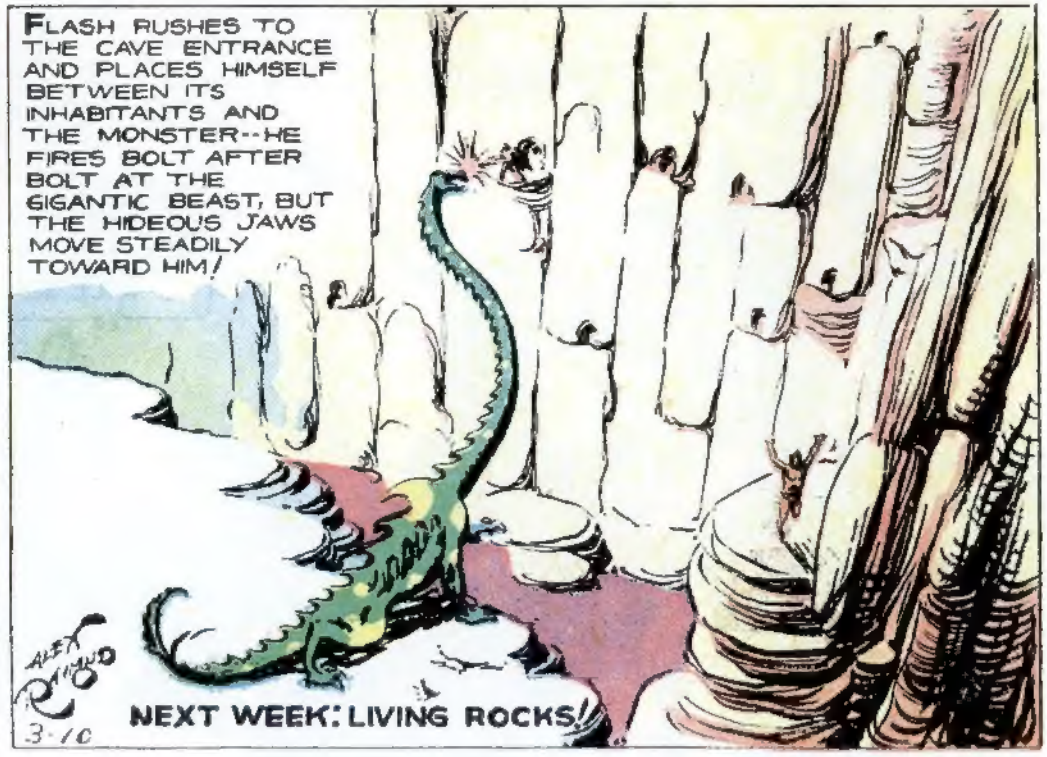


THE EATER! KOMOK! THE EATER OF MEN!


SCRAMBLING TO THEIR FEET, ZUG AND THE WOMEN ATTEMPT TO ROLL A LARGE ROCK BEFORE THE ENTRANCE--TOO LATE--A HORRIBLE HEAD THRUSTS THRU THE OPENING AND REACHES FOR KAZA------

THERE IS A CRACKLE OF ELECTRICITY AND THE SCREAM OF A SIREN FROM FLASH'S SIGNAL GUN--BLINDED IN ONE EYE AND ROARING IN PAIN, THE BEAST DRAWS IT'S HEAD BACK THRU THE CAVE ENTRANCE------


FLASH RUSHES TO THE CAVE ENTRANCE AND PLACES HIMSELF BETWEEN ITS INHABITANTS AND THE MONSTER--HE FIRES BOLT AFTER BOLT AT THE GIGANTIC BEAST, BUT THE HIDEOUS JAWS MOVE STEADILY TOWARD HIM!
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NEXT WEEK: LIVING ROCKS!

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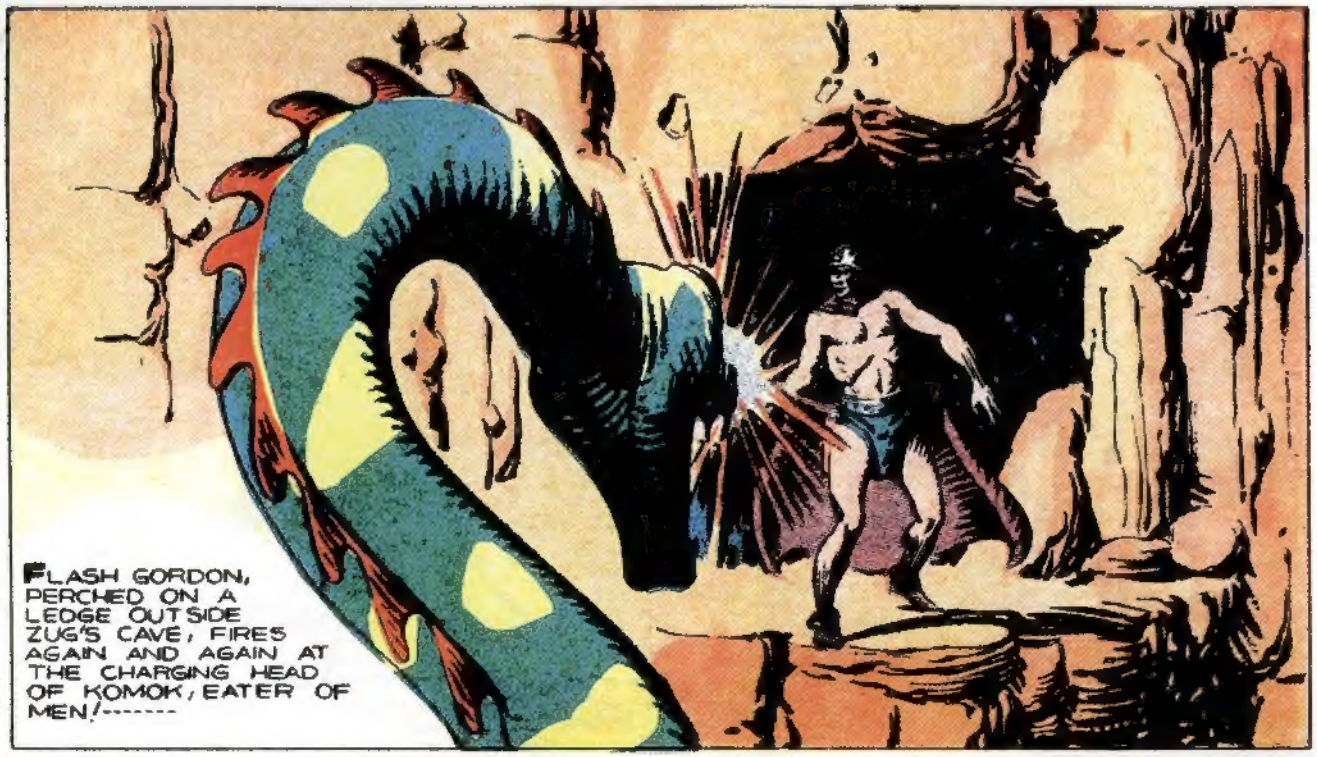

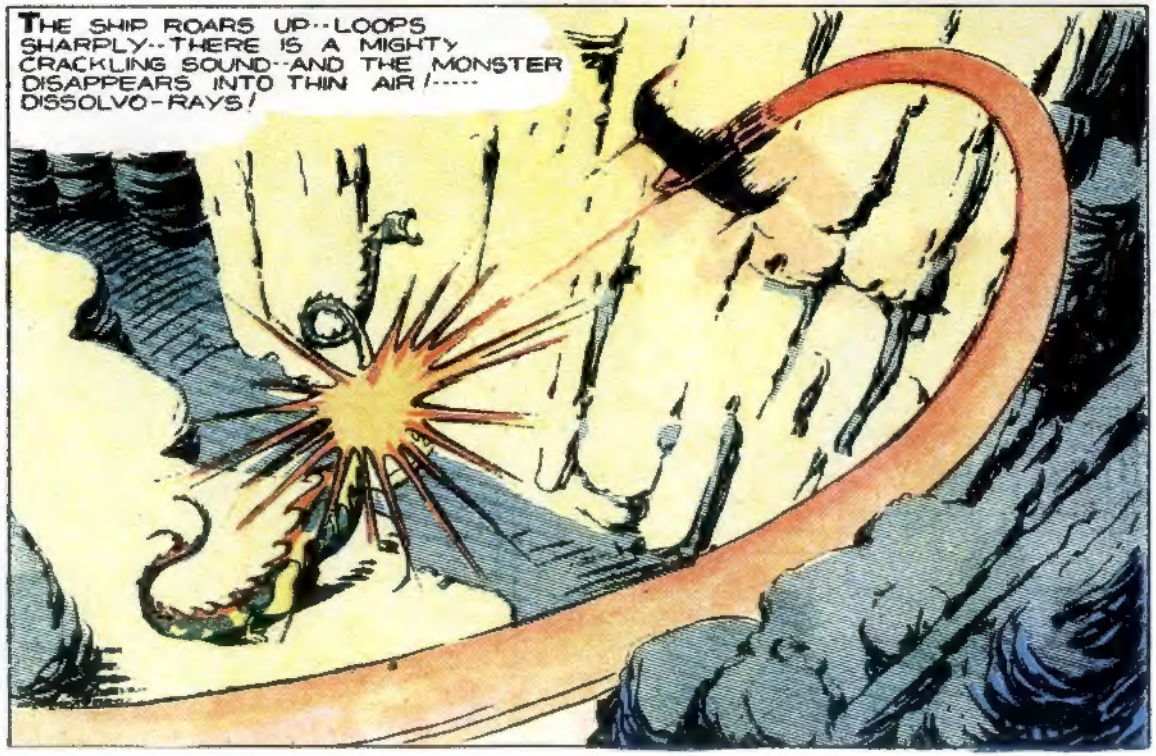

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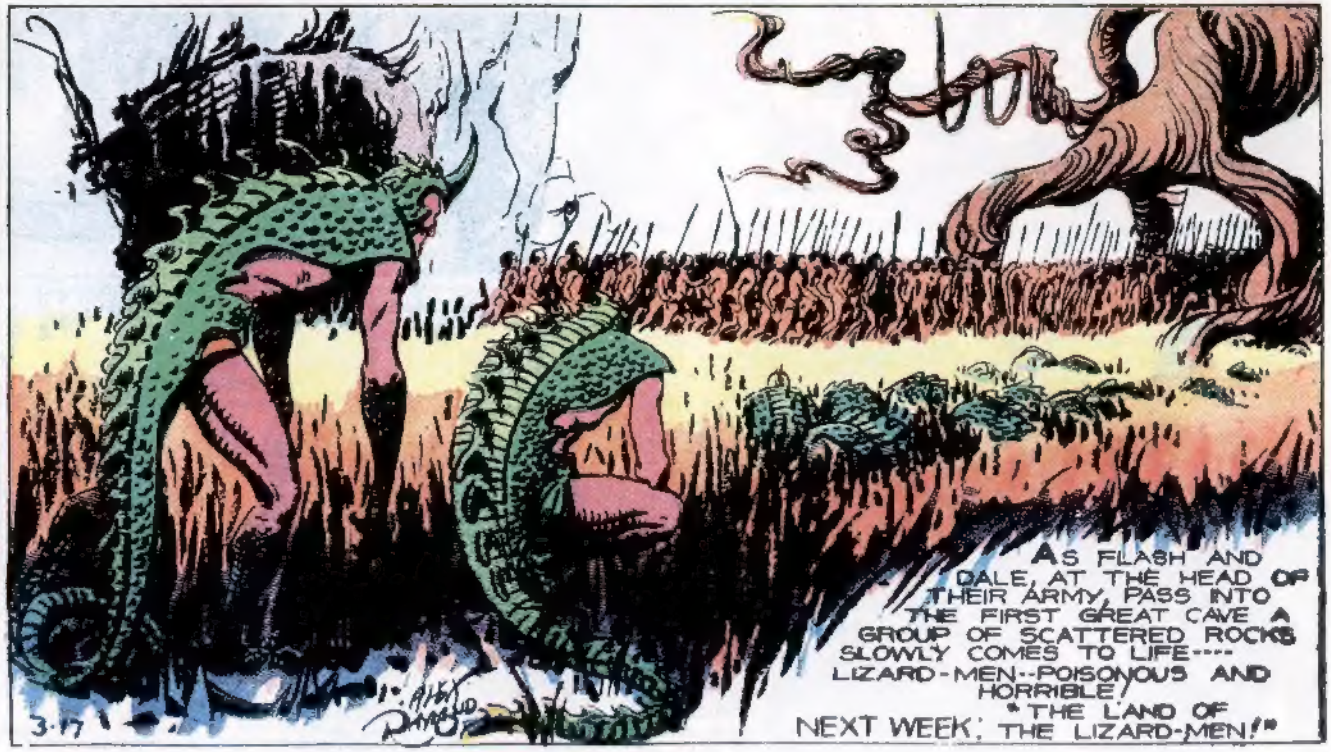


WE HAVEN'T SEEN OR HEARD A LIVING THING SINCE WE STARTED OUT--I DON'T LIKE THIS DEATHLY SILENCE--DALE AND I WILL GO AHEAD ON A SCOUTING EXPEDITION--IF YOU HEAR MY SIGNAL, COME AT ONCE-----
YES, YOUR MAJESTY
FLASH GORDON, LEADING HIS ARMY OF CLIFFMEN AND HAWKMEN INTO THE IMMENSE CAVES WHICH MAKE UP HIS KINGDOM, PAUSES FOR A COUNCIL OF WAR-----

AS FLASH AND DALE HEAD FOR THE MOUTH OF A GREAT TUNNEL, A BAND OF LIZARDMEN SKIRTS THE ARMY AND MAKES FOR A SECRET ENTRANCE IN THE CLIFF FACE/--------

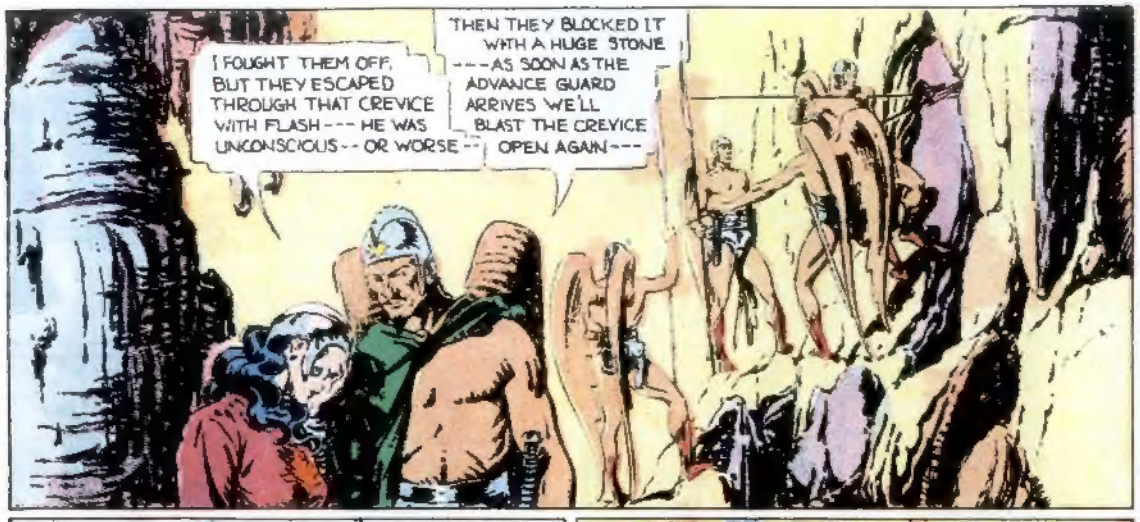
WALKING THRU A CAVE OF TERRIFYING BEAUTY, DALE SHRINKS AGAINST FLASH AGAIN AND AGAIN, AS HORRIBLE MAN-EATING PLANTS REACH OUT FOR THEM/------

LIKE A THUNDERBOLT, THE LIZARDMEN STRIKE/ THEY DROP FROM THE TOP AND SIDES OF THE TUNNEL--FLASH IS KNOCKED OUT--DALE'S SIGNAL GUN SHRIEKS ITS SIREN AS SHE FIRES BOLT AFTER BOLT AT THE CHARGING MAN-BEASTS!

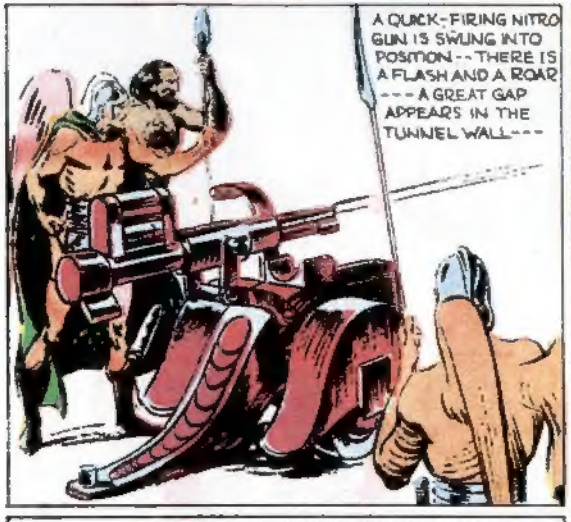
COME BACK HERE/ I'LL SHOOT/ OH, I CAN'T--I MIGHT KILL FLASH----- WHERE ARE THE HAWKMEN? WHY DON'T THEY COME?

HAWKMEN, FIRST SQUAD, FOLLOW ME/ ARMY, FORWARD, DOUBLE QUICK---- MARCH!
BACK ON THE PLAIN, CAPTAIN KHAN AND ZUG LEAP TO THEIR FEET AS THE WAILING OF DALE'S SIGNAL-GUN REACHES THEM EARS/-------

WITH THE DASHING, FEARLESS CAPTAIN KHAN AT THEIR HEAD, THE SQUAD OF HAWKMEN RUSHES TO THE RESCUE/
NEXT WEEK: "CAPTIVE"/


I FOUGHT THEM OFF, BUT THEY ESCAPED THROUGH THAT CREVICE WITH FLASH --- HE WAS UNCONSCIOUS -- OR WORSE --
THEN THEY BLOCKED IT WITH A HUGE STONE ---AS SOON AS THE ADVANCE GUARD ARRIVES WE'LL BLAST THE CREVICE OPEN AGAIN ---

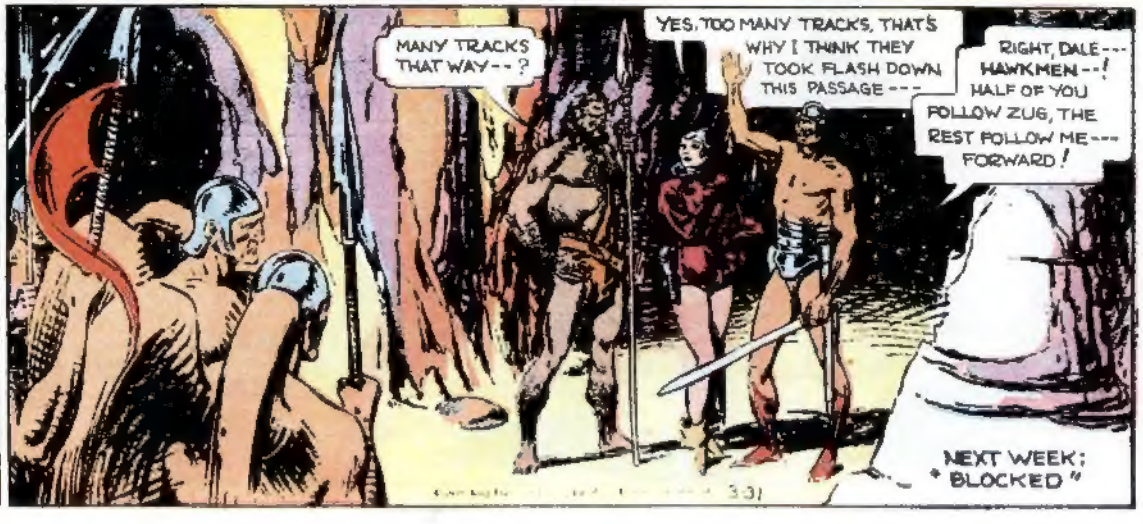
AT THAT MOMENT A SENTRY SIGNALS THE APPROACH OF FLASH'S ARMY OF HAWKMEN AND CLIFFMEN ---

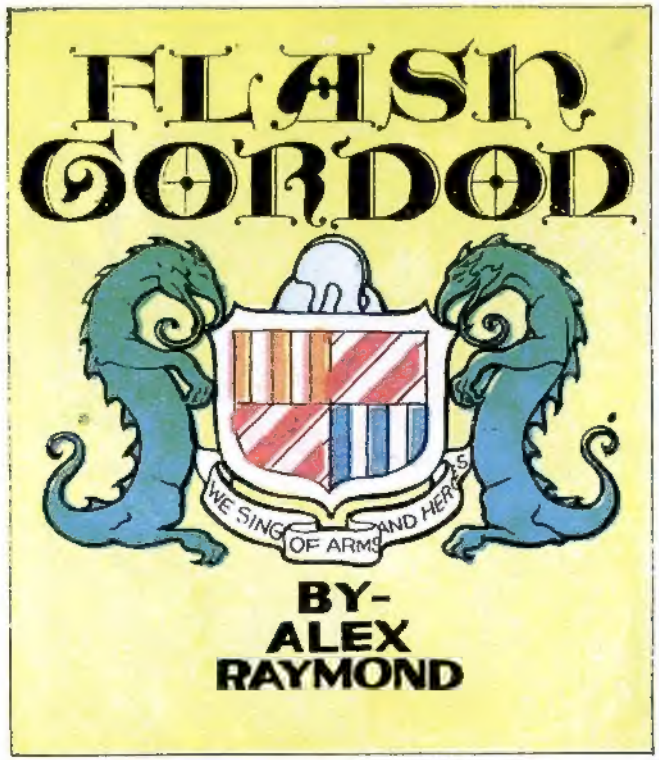

A QUICK-FIRING NITRO GUN IS SWUNG INTO POSITION -- THERE IS A FLASH AND A ROAR --- A GREAT GAP APPEARS IN THE TUNNEL WALL ---

MEANWHILE THE LIZARD MEN COME TO A FORK IN THE TUNNEL --- THE CREATURES CARRYING FLASH TAKE THE RIGHT HAND TURN AND THE REST GO TO THE LEFT --

COOKS! HERE'S MEAT -- A FEAST --

THE HEAD COOK GLEEFULLY SHARPENS THE BARBS OF A HUGE FORK ---


MANY TRACKS THAT WAY -- ?
YES, TOO MANY TRACKS, THAT'S WHY I THINK THEY TOOK FLASH DOWN THIS PASSAGE ---
RIGHT, DALE --- HAWKMEN --! HALF OF YOU FOLLOW ZUG, THE REST FOLLOW ME --- FORWARD!
NEXT WEEK: "BLOCKED"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NOT EVEN A LIZARD MAN COULD CRAWL THRU THERE--WE'VE FOLLOWED THE WRONG TUNNEL
THAT LOOKS LIKE BLOOD!

IT IS BLOOD/ THAT MEANS THAT FLASH CAME THIS WAY--LIZARD MEN DON'T BLEED!

NO USE--GO BACK AND GET THE NITRO-GUN
WAIT/ LET ME SQUEEZE THRU THERE

KHAN; I'M STUCK--BUT I SEE LIGHT AHEAD
DALE'S VOICE! DALE, WHERE ARE YOU?

NO USE, DALE--I CAN'T BUDGE THIS ROCK--I'LL HAVE TO WAIT 'TIL THEY GET THE CANNON
OH, DARLING, I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE ALIVE! SEE IF YOU CAN REACH MY SIGNAL GUN

I'VE GOT IT--THANKS, DALE--QUIET! HERE COME THE LIZARD MEN!
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THE FIRES ARE READY--HA! FEAST!
NEXT WEEK: "THE CANNIBAL FEAST!"
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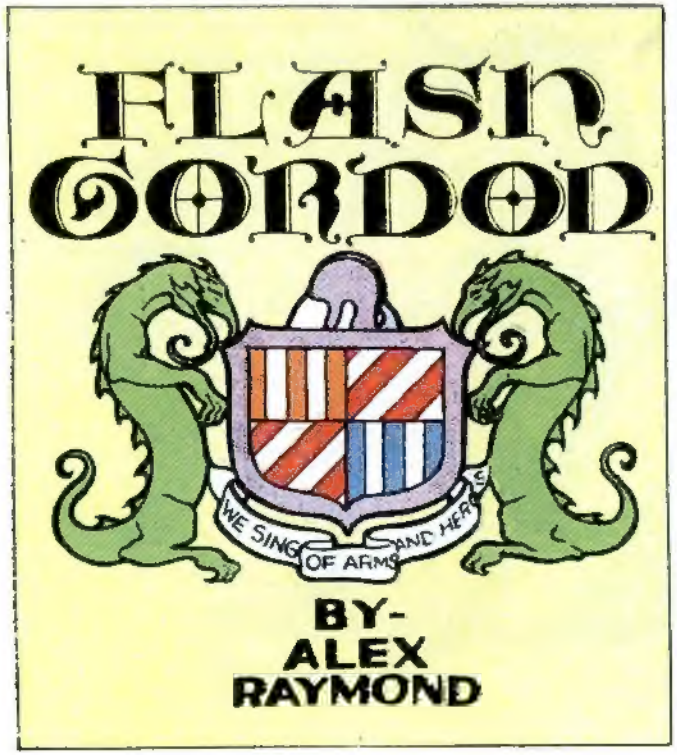
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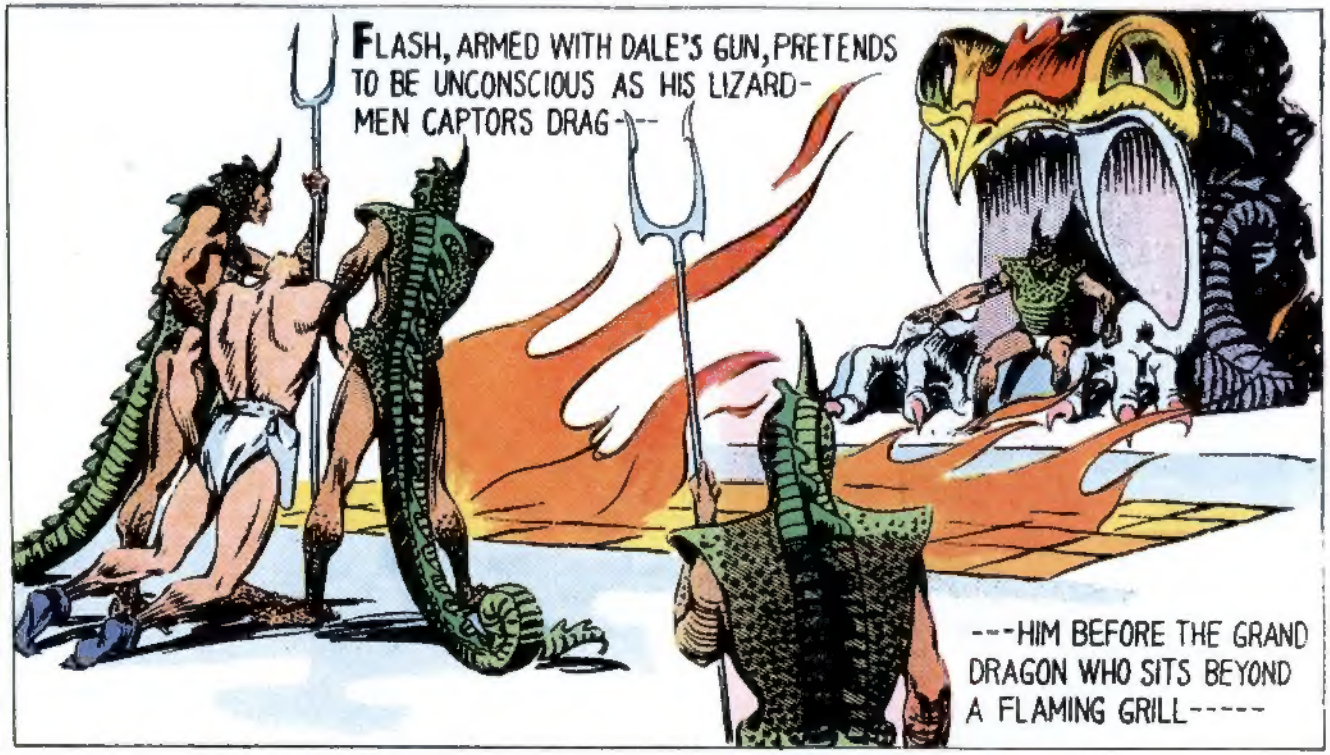
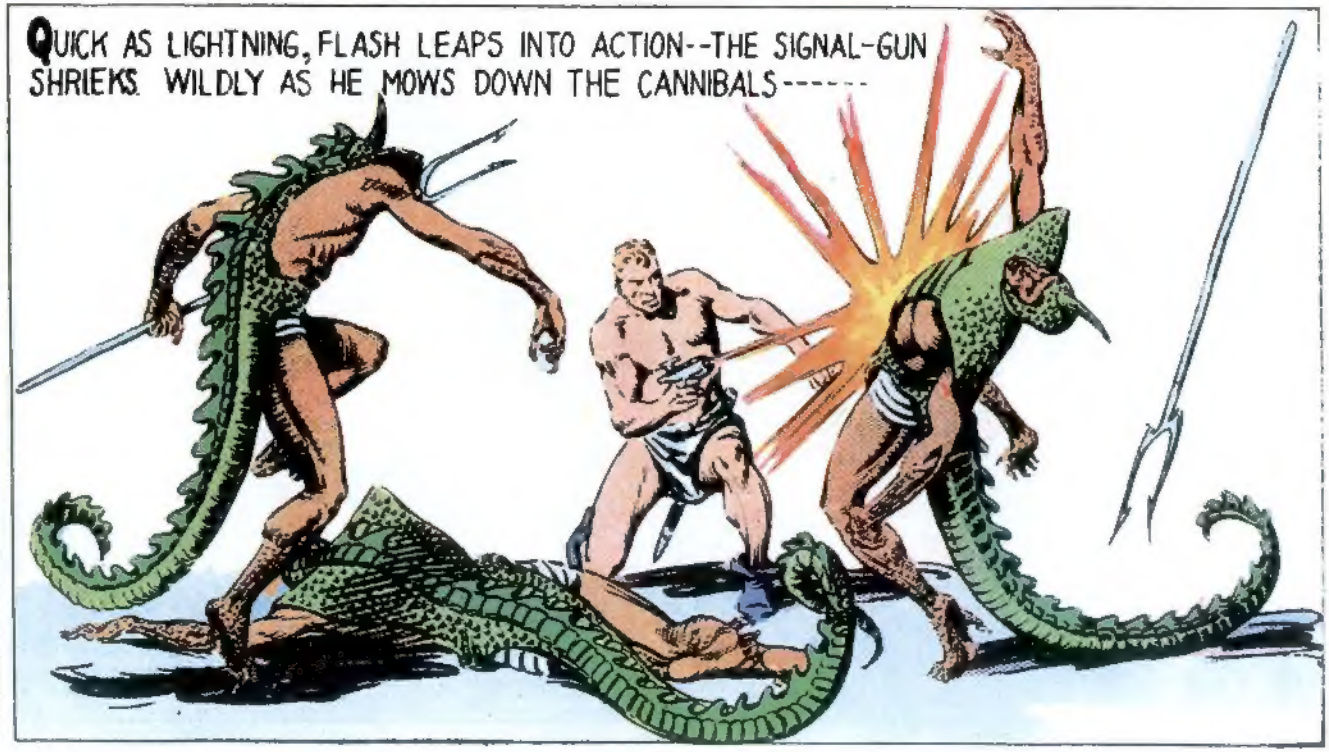
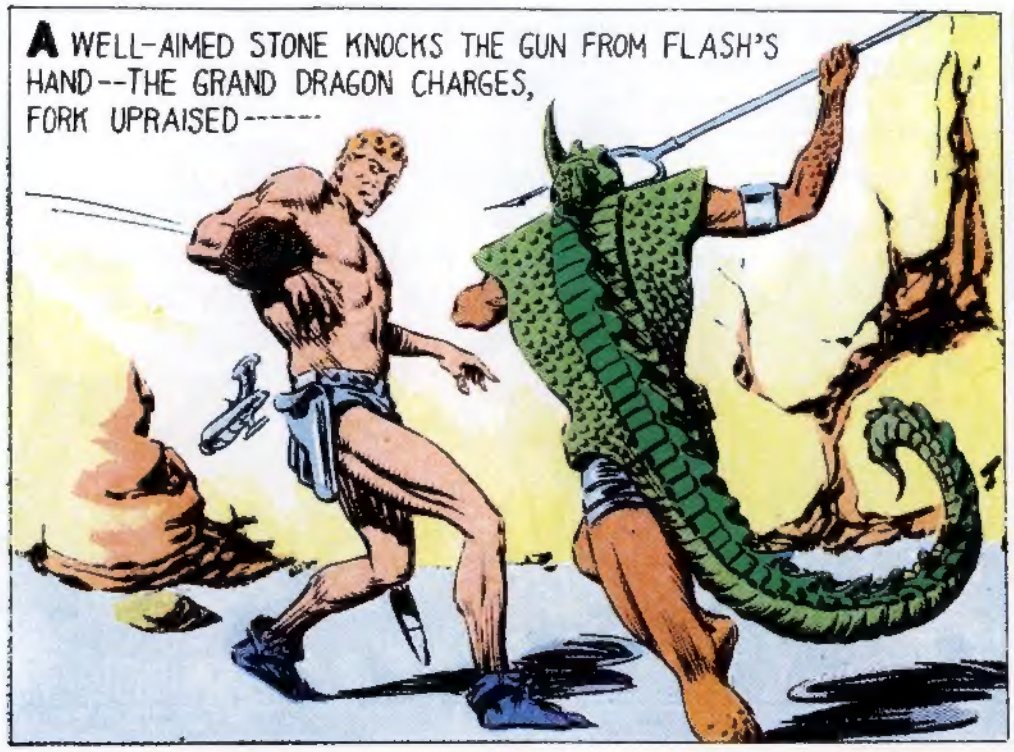
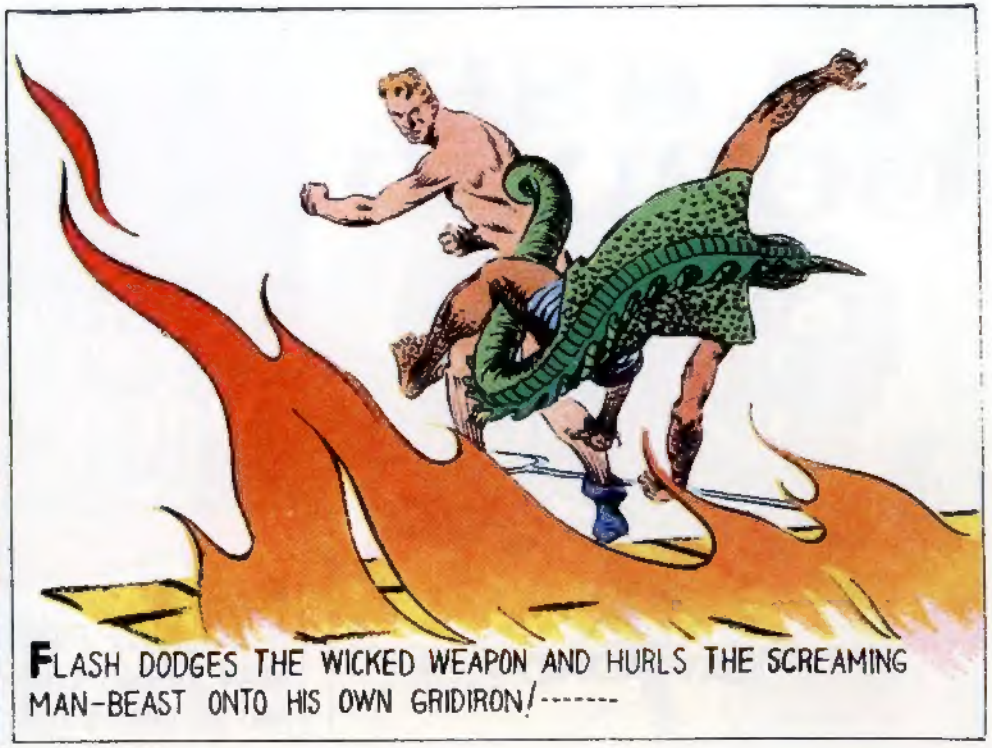
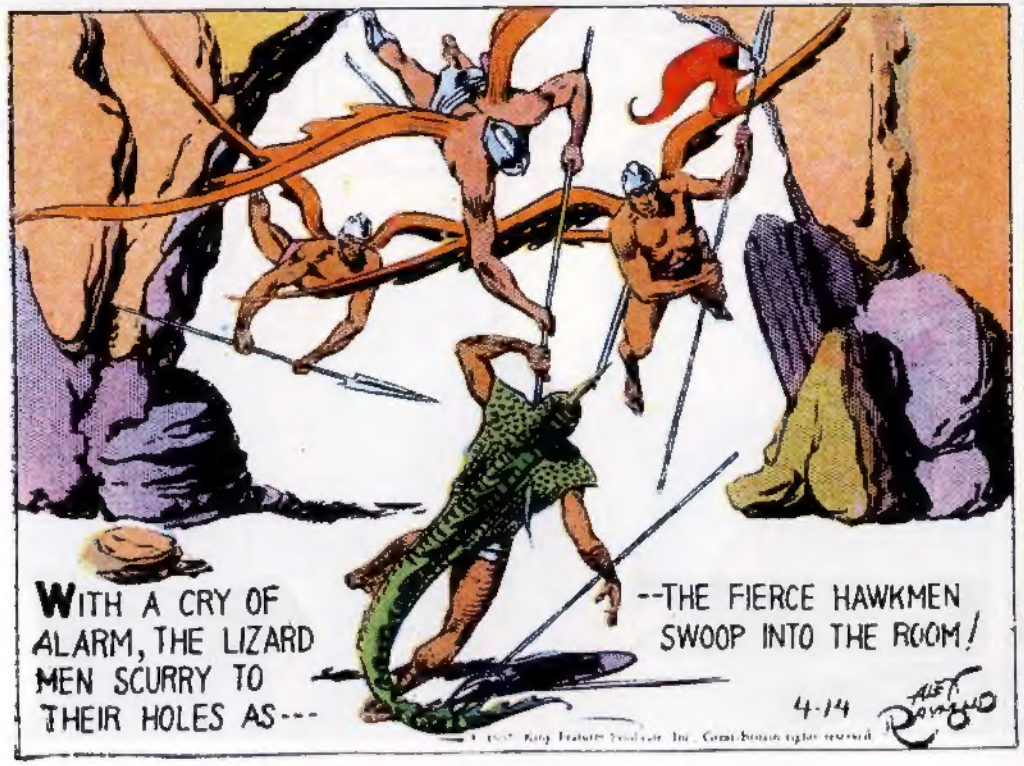

FLASH, ARMED WITH DALE'S GUN, PRETENDS TO BE UNCONSCIOUS AS HIS LIZARD-MEN CAPTORS DRAG---
---HIM BEFORE THE GRAND DRAGON WHO SITS BEYOND A FLAMING GRILL-----

MAKE READY FOR THE FEAST! HURL HIM IN THE FIRE!


QUICK AS LIGHTNING, FLASH LEAPS INTO ACTION--THE SIGNAL-GUN SHRIEKS WILDLY AS HE MOWS DOWN THE CANNIBALS------


A WELL-AIMED STONE KNOCKS THE GUN FROM FLASH'S HAND--THE GRAND DRAGON CHARGES, FORK UPRAISED------


FLASH DODGES THE WICKED WEAPON AND HURLS THE SCREAMING MAN-BEAST ONTO HIS OWN GRIDIRON!-------


WITH A CRY OF ALARM, THE LIZARD MEN SCURRY TO THEIR HOLES AS---
--THE FIERCE HAWKMEN SWOOP INTO THE ROOM!
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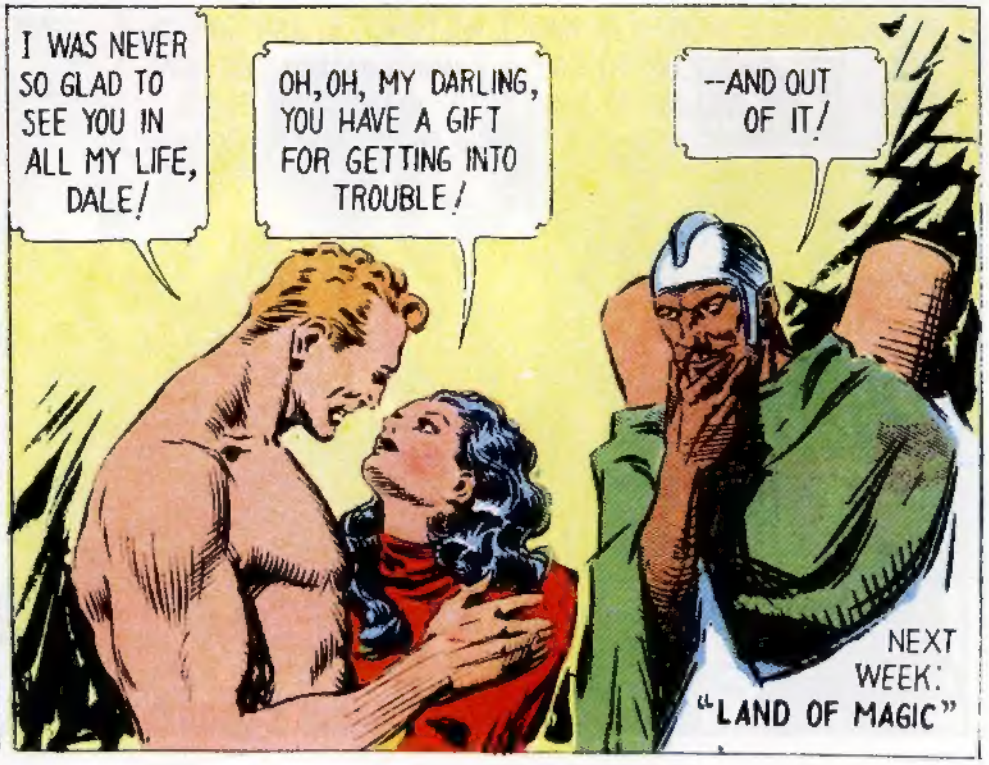
I WAS NEVER SO GLAD TO SEE YOU IN ALL MY LIFE, DALE!
OH, OH, MY DARLING, YOU HAVE A GIFT FOR GETTING INTO TROUBLE!
--AND OUT OF IT!
NEXT WEEK: "LAND OF MAGIC"